THE SUMMER OF FRESHMAN YEAR, THE BITTERSWEET LOVE COMEDY BEGINS TO UNFURL!

YESTERDAY, CHIKO-TAN MADE HER SECOND FRIEND.

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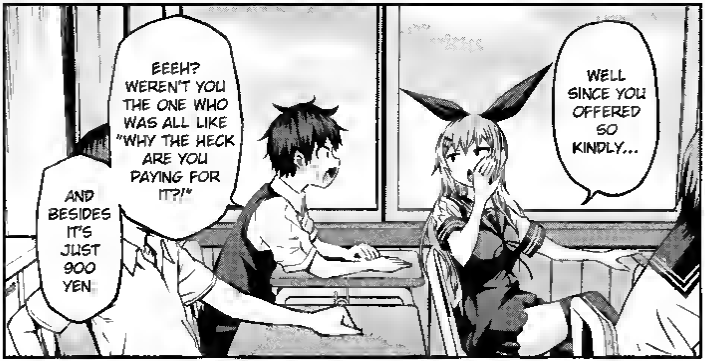
RECAP OF LAST CHAPTER

OUSAKA, CHIKO-TAN AND NEKOYASHIKI WENT TO THE CINEMAS. SOME TROUBLE HAPPENED BUT IN THE END THEY BECAME GREAT FRIENDS.

. . .YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT IT IN THE PARK YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
HOW YOU'D PAY FOR THE SHIRT THAT CHIKO-CHAN SPILLED COLA ON IN THE CINEMA


WELL SINCE YOU OFFERED SO KINDLY...
EEEH? WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO WAS ALL LIKE "WHY THE HECK ARE YOU PAYING FOR IT?!"
AND BESIDES IT'S JUST 900 YEN

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WELL THE RRP IS A GOOD 12,000 YEN!
BUT YOU GOT IT FOR 900 YEN FROM THE OUTLET, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO IT TO MAKE THE PRICE DROP THAT MUCH?
ANY... ANYWAY!

OUSAKA RYOUMEI
First year at Shinmeizaka High. Friends with Nekoyashiki since middle school. He's the thick-headed type who's constantly looking at others and doesn't realize others are looking at him.
NEKOYASHIKI AYA
First year at Shinmeizaka High. The cowardly type, she likes Ousaka but can't bring herself to confess. Recently she's started to panic because Ousaka and Chiko-tan have sudden become super chummy?
AH, IF IT'S AFTER SCHOOL, CAN CHIKO-TAN ALSO...
ALSO
EEHH~? ALRIGHTY THEN...
COME WITH ME AFTER SCHOOL!
WELL SINCE YOU OFFERED I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE YOU TREAT ME SOMETHING WORTH 900 YEN.
...OUSAKA, FOR A LONG WHILE NOW
I'VE-
STUFF...?
I HAVE STUFF... TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

MIYA-HARA!
...YE...
WHAT STUFF?
MINAMI-BUCHI!
YES!
...YES, STUFF

MIYAHARA CHIKO
First year at Shinmeizaka High. After Ousaka she found a friend in Nekoyashiki. Completely ignorant in romance, she's the "now's not the time" type.

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YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT YOU CAN CHANGE ONE LONELY GIRL

#12: CHIKO-TAN BIG BREAK!? AND THE STEALTHILY APPROACHING BLACK SHADOW...!

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YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY CUTE VOICE~
WOW, THAT REALLY GOT ME~
ジリリリリ...

AH...
AALIU...
NEXT TIME COME TALK WITH US TOO~
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING UP UNTIL NOW~?
遊井
什倉

IS THIS CHIKO-TAN'S BIG BREAK!?
AND THEN SHE'S SPEAKING WITH THE REST OF THE CLASS!

I'M WORRIED!
WELL, I AM TOO. BUT...
WHAT A BIG, BIG SURPRISE~!
SUDDENLY ACTING LIKE THAT. IS SHE OKAY?
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You're going to the beach?
Hey are you actually going?
His idea of IRL loving Chiko
AT THIS RATE SHE'S PROBABLY GOING TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE.
GO FOR IT! A NORMAL HIGHSCHOOL LIFE! PERHAPS EVEN AN IRL LOVER!
SINCE CHIKO-TAN HAS FINALLY BROKEN OUT OF HER SHELL AND IS STARTING TO SOCIALIZE ON HER OWN

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AH... UH... UM...
MAYBE YOU'RE CONSTANTLY LISTENING TO SOMETHING ?
EH!!
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HEY MIYAHARA-SAN~, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR A PAIR OF HEADPHONES AND A SCARF~?

LIAR.
HUH
YEAH ...
EX*LE AND STUFF...

WHAT, ME*ODY? THAI FOOD?
.. IS THAT WHAT'S POPULAR THESE DAYS?
I LOVE ME*ODY!!
EH, REALLY!? ME TOO, ME TOO!!
SANA, YOU DON'T KNOW!?
佐倉
宮原
池井

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AH...
WE CAN DROP BY A CD SHOP!
MIYAHARA-SAN, WHY DON'T YOU WALK HOME WITH US TODAY!
... OKAY
宮原

AMAZ-ING!
GOING HOME WITH YOUR CLASSMATES AFTER SCHOOL IS THE ULTIMATE NORMAL HIGH-SCHOOLER THING TO DO!
BUT... BUT WHAT IF I CAUSE THEM TROUBLE AGAIN...
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AH... BUT IT MIGHT BE WEIRD IF YOU COME ALONG TODAY...
EVEN THOUGH YOU NORMALLY WALK ME HOME ALL THE TIME...
I'M POPULAR!? REALLY...!?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT STUFF! I'll be there after all
AND BESIDES, RIGHT NOW YOU'RE THE TRENDING TOPIC OF THE CLASS, SO YOU'LL BE JUST FINE!!
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AH... HOW ABOUT I TAIL YOU GUYS FROM A DISTANCE TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU?
HEY!
Eeehhh why the heck is he here?
AAAH... IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE AWKWARD IF I GATE-CRASHED A GROUP OF GIRLS.
WELL THAT MAKES ME A BIT WORRIED...

YOU PROM-ISED!
THAT YOU'D COME WITH ME AFTER SCHOOL!
...AND THAT YOU'D HEAR ME OUT!
...NE-KOYA-SHIKI
宮原

W... WELL YOU SEE..
TO HELL WITH YOUR LAME EXCUSES!
I- I'LL BE OKAY!
I'LL BE OKAY, EVEN IF RYOUHEI ISN'T THERE!
I HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING FATALLY CLUMSY RECENTLY ...AND

... CHIKO-CHAN,
HAVE YOU...
I WON'T BE ALONE!

GROWN A BIT...?
YOUR HEIGHT HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL THOUGH
WELL... IT'S NOT LIKE ROBOTS CAN GROW IN HEIGHT...
RATHER, IT'S LIKE SHE'S GROWN IN SPIRIT?
THAT'S RIGHT... TODAY I'LL BE OKAY EVEN IF RYOUHEI ISN'T THERE!!
THAT'S BE-CAUSE...

SUPER POPULAR ...!
AH... UH...
OKAY CHIKO-CHAN, LET'S GO
RIGHT NOW, I'M

BECAUSE I'M THE OBJECT OF MY CLASS' ENVY...!
ALL AH... YEAH.
UM... YOU'RE COMING WITH US, RIGHT?
BECAUSE THE WINDS OF FORTUNE BLOW IN MY FAVOR..

The class-mates that I will now be able to walk home with!!
Once I step past these gates, I'll be flanked on either side by my classmates!
And even if Ryouhei isn't here, I'm not alone

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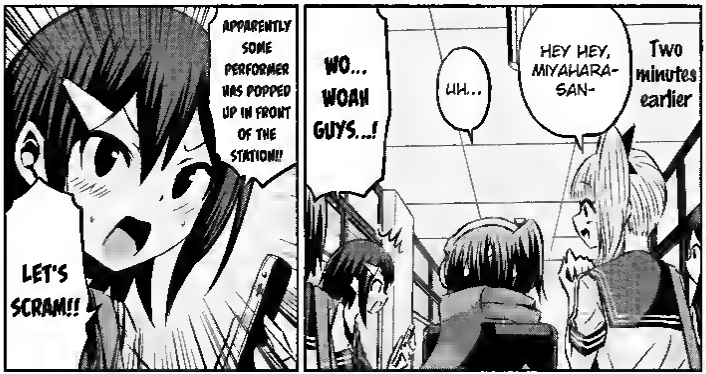
Two minutes earlier
HEY HEY, MIYAHARA-SAN-
UH...
WO... WOAH GUYS...!
APPARENTLY SOME PERFORMER HAS POPPED UP IN FRONT OF THE STATION!!
LET'S SCRAM!!

EH, SERIOUSLY!? WHO IS IT!? NE*ODY!?
AH, SORRY MIYAHARA-SAN, NEXT TIME!!
AH... UUH...
Chiko-tan's big break ended

AH... I ENDED UP ALL BY MYSELF IN THE END...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SO I'M STARTING TO FEEL UNEASY... I COULD ALWAYS CALL YOUHEI AND...
THE WIND DISAP-PEARS JUST AS FAST AS IT COMES...

YOU PROM-ISED!
THAT YOU'D COME WITH ME AFTER SCHOOL!

I WONDER HOW CHIKO-TAN'S DOING.
HOPE SHE HASN'T DIED OR ANY-THING...
HUH? WHAT THE HECK, DON'T SAY SOMETHING SO ILL-OMENED!

I'M ON MY OWN...
...I'LL BE FINE EVEN IF
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I MEAN, I SOMEHOW MANAGED FOR THAT ENTIRE FIRST MONTH...
AND IF I DON'T DO ANY-THING
NOTH-ING WILL HAPPEN,
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AND IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO BE ATTACKED BY..

ONCE THE WINDS TURN, THE STORM FOLLOWS!

NEXT CHAPTER

#13 BELIEVE IT OR NOT! A RUBBER SUITED WOMAN~ CHIKO-TAN'S ELECTRIFYING COUNTER

LOOK FORWARD TO IT!

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